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Q: Hey there! Is this a new issue of A+X? I love that book!

A: You're DARNED RIGHT you do! Where else can you find one AVENGER teaming up with one X-MAN for HEROIC SHENANIGANS? And not only do you find it ONCE—you find it TWICE!

Q: So true! And without the burden of any continuity!

A: CONTINUITY SUCKS, that's what I say! If we want to do a story where UNCLE BEN teams up with MAGGOTT...WHO DARES STAND IN OUR WAY?!?

Q: Well...let's not get crazy. What's in this issue? And please not Uncle Ben and Maggott...

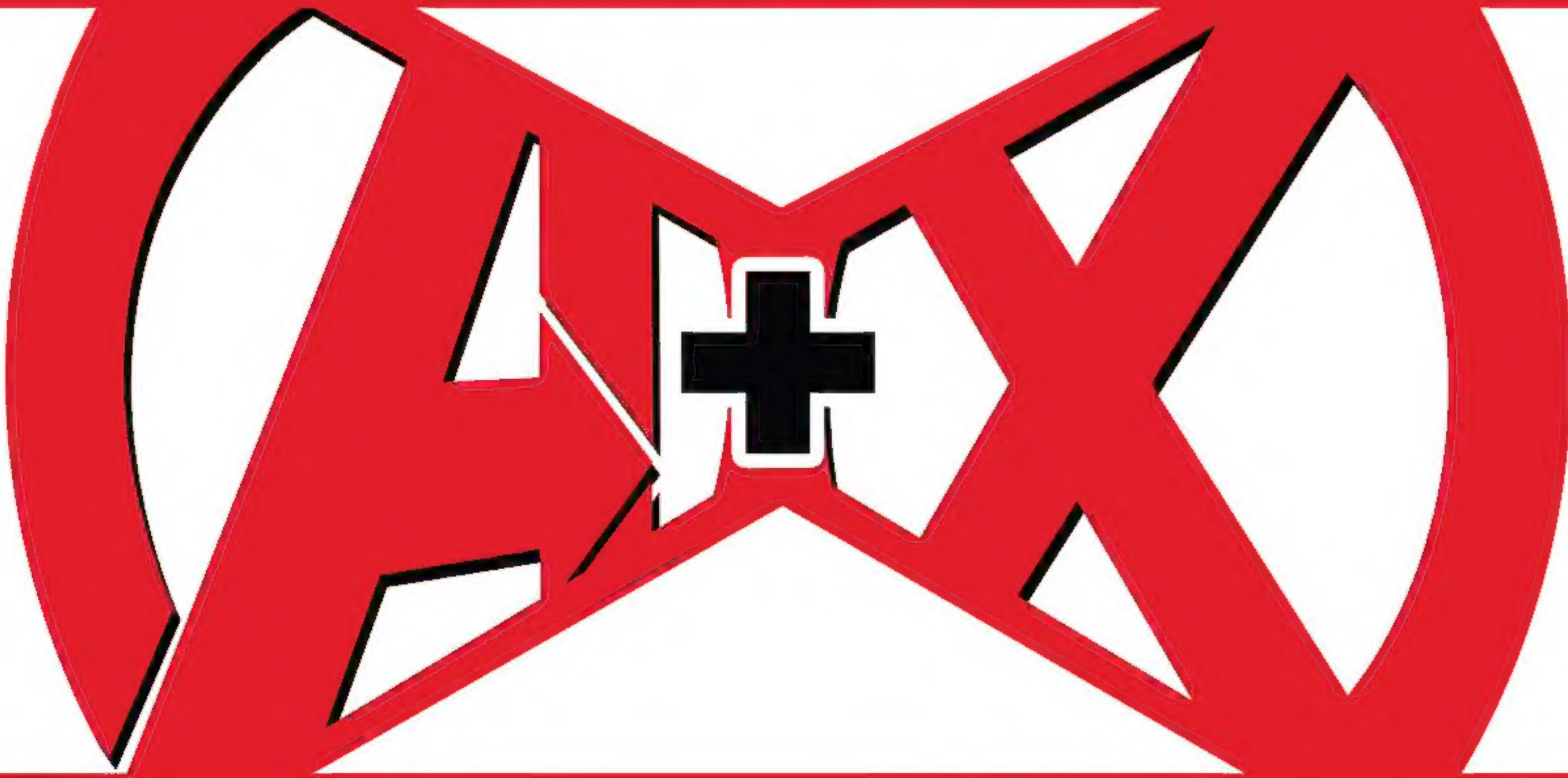
A: NAY—first we bring you a long awaited pairing of OLD FRIENDS! The ionic Avenger known as WONDER MAN once more teams with the hirsute X-Man, BEAST, for a night of REMINISCENCES and NEW ADVENTURES!

Q: Awesome! Although, they were both Avengers, so that's sort of a—

A: BUT WAIT! There is a SECOND TALE to tell within these SAME PAGES! A tale of the most patriotic of all heroes, CAPTAIN AMERICA, teamed with the most turned-into-a-vampire of all mutants, JUBILEE!

Q: That's an unexpected pairing! I can't wait!

A: THEN, DON'T! Turn the page and start reading RIGHT NOW!



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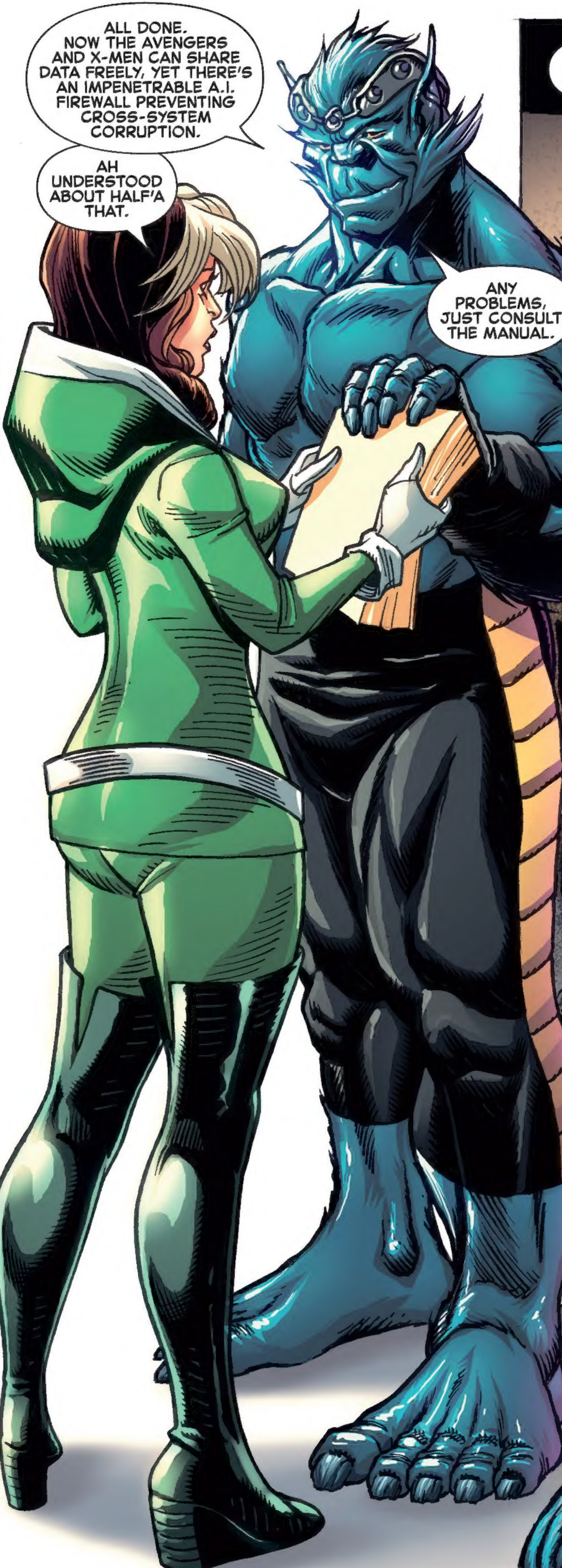
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ALL DONE.
NOW THE AVENGERS
AND X-MEN CAN SHARE
DATA FREELY, YET THERE'S
AN IMPENETRABLE A.I.
FIREWALL PREVENTING
CROSS-SYSTEM
CORRUPTION.

AH
UNDERSTOOD
ABOUT HALF'A
THAT.

ANY
PROBLEMS,
JUST CONSULT
THE MANUAL.

IT'S IN
SHI'AR.

IT'LL WORK
ITSELF OUT. CALL
ME IF YOUR LAPTOP
STARTS THREATENING
TO EXTERMINATE
HUMANITY.

IT WAS
LOVELY SEEING
YOU, ROGUE. GIVE
MY REGARDS TO
EVERYONE--



OH...
SIMON.

HANK.

I...DIDN'T
KNOW YOU WERE
COMING BY.



YES, IT WAS A BIT OF A SPUR OF
THE MOMENT THING. IF I'D KNOWN,
OF COURSE I WOULD HAVE...

SURE. WELL, IT'S
CRAZY BUSY AROUND
HERE, AND I BET YOU'VE
GOT A LOT ON YOUR
PLATE, SO...TAKE
CARE, OKAY?

YOU AS
WELL.



SIMON...

WOULD YOU
LIKE TO GRAB
A BITE AND
CATCH UP?

5:47 P.M.



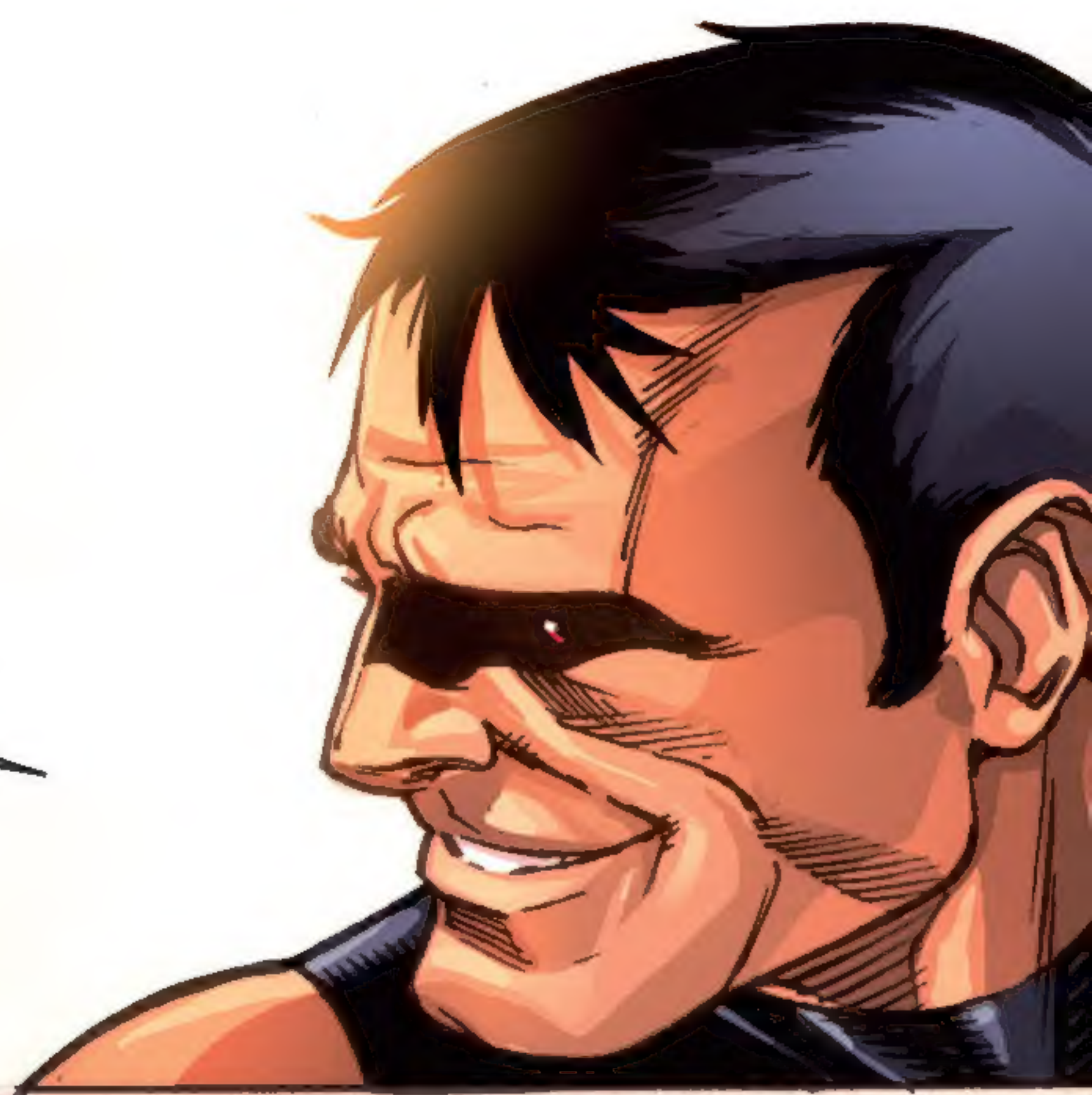
I CAN'T BELIEVE THE BOARD OF HEALTH HASN'T CLOSED THIS PLACE DOWN.

I KNOW! WHEN I STARTED WORKING AT THE MANSION AGAIN, I PASSED BY AND LITERALLY DID A DOUBLE-TAKE. TRANS FAT BAN MY BUTT, THIS FOOD'LL KILL YOU DEAD.



WE HAD SOME GOOD TIMES HERE, DIDN'T WE?

YEAH...



"...WE SURE DID."

MISS-IZZ BROWN YOU'VE GOT A LUV-LY DAWWW-TURRR!



SEEMS LIKE FOREVER AGO, DOESN'T IT?

MMM.



WHAT HAPPENED TO YOU?



"SIMON, DID YOU OR DID YOU NOT PUT TOGETHER AN ARMY OF **LUNATICS** TO ATTACK THE AVENGERS... IN ORDER TO PROVE **VIOLENCE IS NOT THE ANSWER?**"



I STAND BY MY POINT, BUT I WAS A LITTLE... OFF. MY IONIC FIELD WAS IN FLUX. BUT FROM WHAT I HEAR, YOU WERE COMPLETELY IN YOUR RIGHT MIND...

...WHEN YOU DECIDED TO GO BACK IN TIME AND BRING THE ORIGINAL X-MEN--YOUR YOUNGER SELVES--INTO THE PRESENT!

YOU'RE THE SCIENCE GUY! MR. "INTEGRITY OF THE SPACE-TIME CONTINUUM!" WHAT WERE YOU THINKING?



SO. WE'VE GROWN IN DIFFERENT DIRECTIONS. BECOME DIFFERENT PEOPLE. DONE THINGS THE OTHER CONSIDERS RECKLESS, OFFENSIVE AND EVEN DANGEROUS. I SUPPOSE THE LOOMING QUESTION IS WHETHER THERE'S ANY CONCEIVABLE WAY TO SALVAGE WHAT REMAINS OF OUR FRIENDSHIP.



BARTENDER!





7:41 P.M.

I JUST THINK THE AVENGERS HAVE COME TO A POINT WHERE THEY *CAUSE* MORE PROBLEMS THAN THEY *SOLVE*. THAT'S WHAT I'M TRYING TO CHANGE.

I MEAN, LOOK AT YOU X-MEN. NO OFFENSE, BUT AREN'T PRETTY MUCH ALL YOUR CONFLICTS THESE DAYS *SELF-INFLICTED*?

THAT'S *RACIST*. YOU CAN'T COMPARE A TEAM OF ADVENTURERS TO AN ENTIRE SPECIES. WE'RE TRYING TO SURVIVE IN A WORLD THAT HATES AND FEARS US.



AND WHAT EXACTLY WERE YOU TRYING TO DO BY BRINGING YOUR YOUNGER SELVES FORWARD IN TIME?

TO... TO REMIND EVERYONE WHAT WE STARTED OUT TO--

PLEASE, YOU'RE NOT STUPID, HANK. THE ONES YOU'RE MOST LIKELY TO CHANGE IS *THEM*. AND NOT FOR THE BETTER.



I MEAN, DON'T GET ME WRONG. I UNDERSTAND WISHING THINGS WERE THE WAY THEY USED TO BE. WISHING WE WERE.

YOU DO?

SURE. SIMPLER... MORE FUN. NOT THAT WE DIDN'T HAVE PROBLEMS, BUT...WELL, IN THOSE DAYS YOU COULD GET AWAY FROM THEM FOR A LITTLE WHILE.



WHO SAYS WE CAN'T NOW?



NO FIGHTING.

TRUST ME. I'M A DOCTOR.

8:16 P.M.



ROUNDS VS.
PINK PEARL

WIN \$1,000!

8:39 P.M.

LAST 3 ROUNDS VS.
PINK PEARL,
WIN \$1,000!

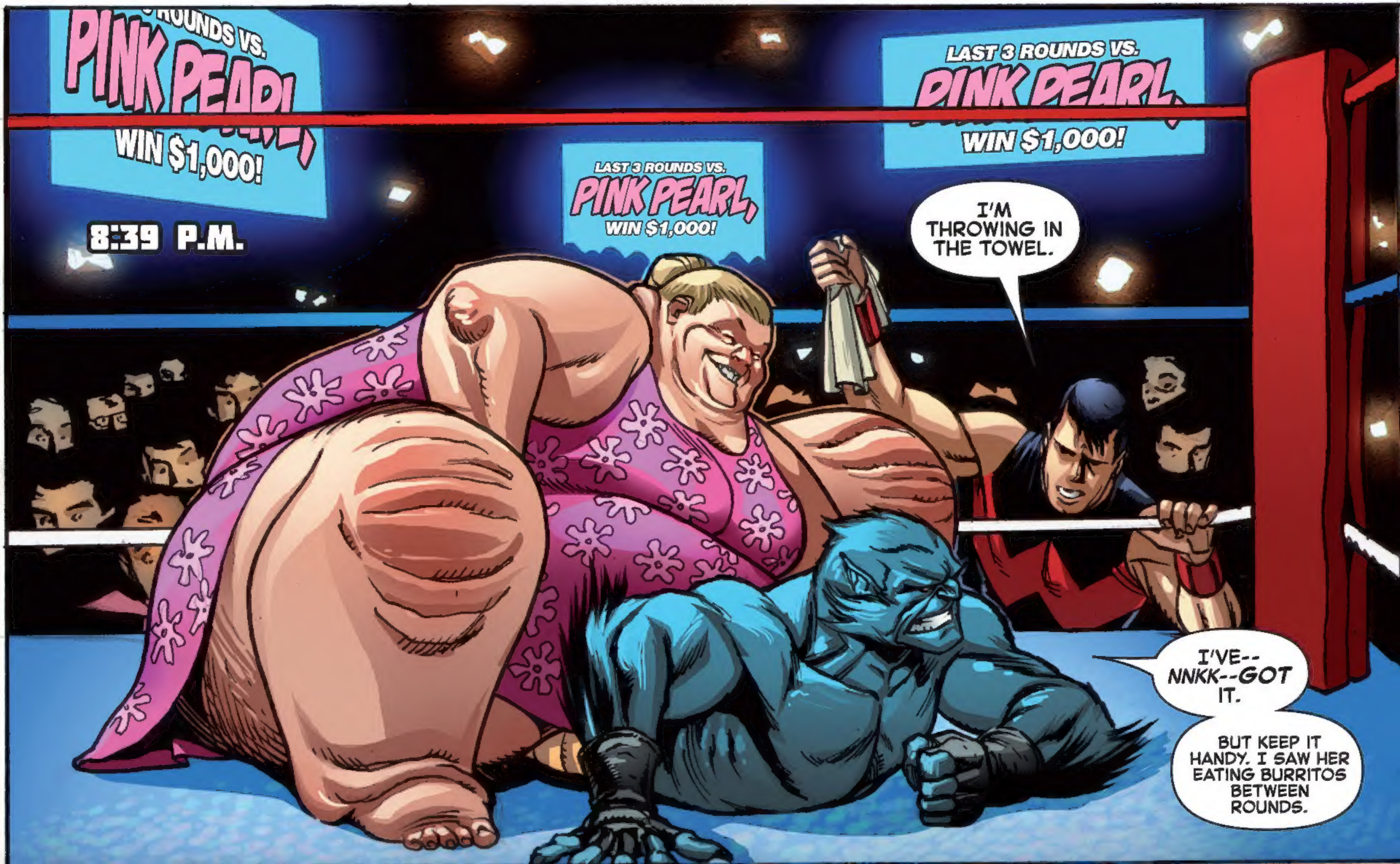
LAST 3 ROUNDS VS.
PINK PEARL

WIN \$1,000!

I'M
THROWING IN
THE TOWEL.

I'VE--
NNKK--GOT
IT.

BUT KEEP IT
HANDY. I SAW HER
EATING BURRITOS
BETWEEN
ROUNDS.



9:27 P.M.



9:30 P.M.



IT WAS
A JOKE! IT'LL
GROW BACK BY
MORNING!

YOU KNOW,
ANGER IS A MASKING
EMOTION. I THINK YOU
NEED TO EXPLORE THE
PAIN UNDERNEATH.

EXPLORE
RUNNING FOR
YOUR LIFE!

10:20 P.M.



EXTRAORDINARY
THREAT!

THIS WOULD
BE A FINE TIME TO
BE LESS ABSOLUTIST
ABOUT YOUR
PACIFISM!



HEY,
ABSORBING
MAN. YOU'RE JUST
RAMPAGING HERE. I
CAN TELL YOU'RE
HURTING.

WHY DON'T
YOU TELL ME WHAT
THIS IS REALLY
ABOUT?



10:36 P.M.



I MEAN,
I LOVE MY WIFE.
AND I DON'T MIND
BUSTING MY BUTT FOR
HER. BUT EVERY NOW
AND THEN IT'D BE
NICE TO HEAR,
"THANK YOU."

PREACH.

AT LEAST
YOU GUYS HAVE
SOMEONE.

10:58 P.M.



YOU
DON'T BRING ME
FLOWERS...

YOU DON'T
SING ME LOVE
SONGS...

YOU HARDLY
TALK TO ME ANYMORE
WHEN I COME THROUGH
THE DOOR AT THE END
OF THE DAY...

11:17 P.M.

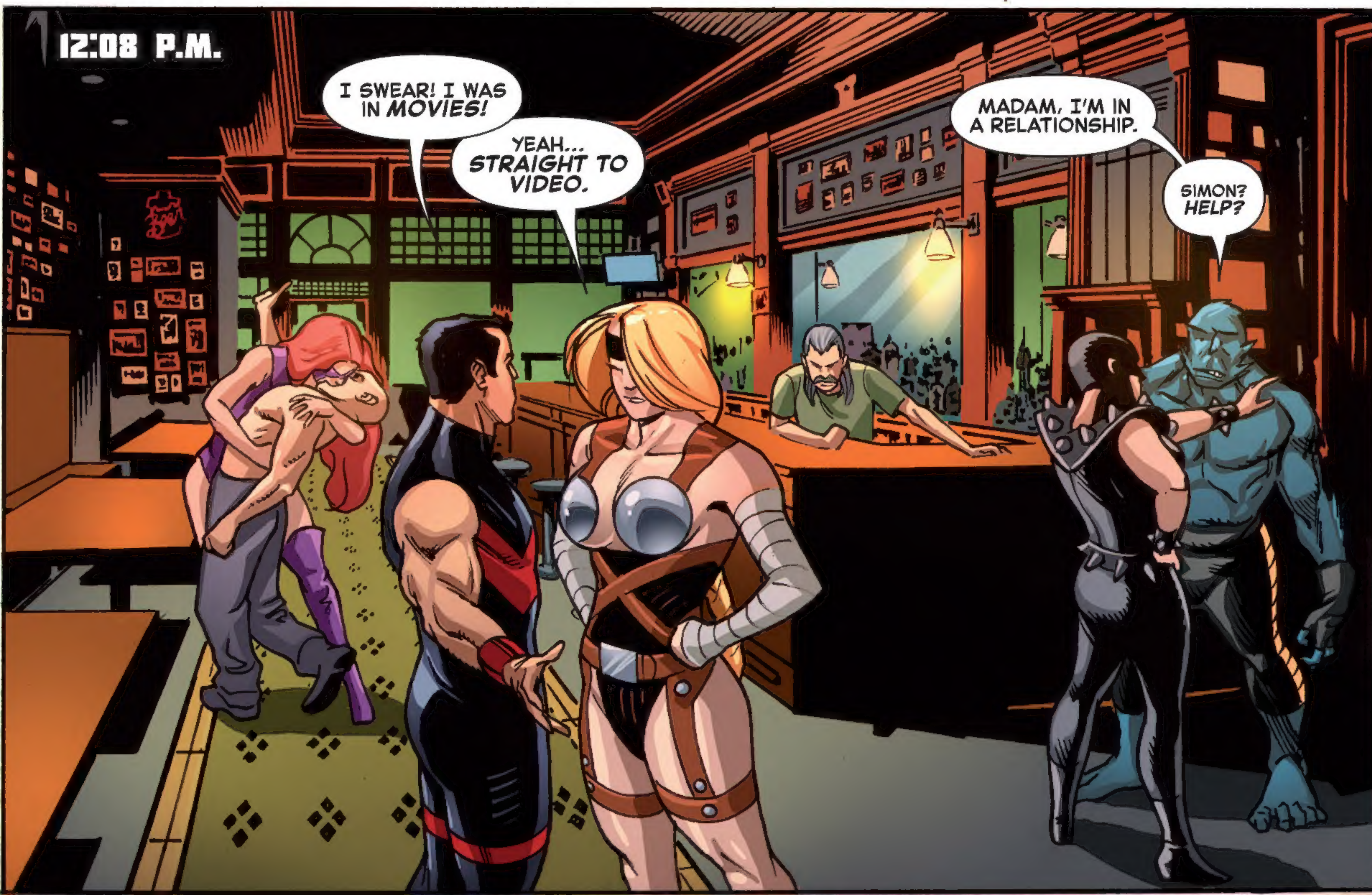


DON'T
DO IT! STAY
STRONG!

I MISS YOU,
BABY. I COULD ABSORB
THE WHOLE WORLD AND I'D
STILL BE EMPTY WITHOUT YOU.
I HATE IT WHEN WE FIGHT...
COME GIVE YOUR CRUSHER
SOME SUGAR.

TELL
HER TO BRING
FRIENDS!

12:08 P.M.



I SWEAR! I WAS
IN MOVIES!

YEAH...
STRAIGHT TO
VIDEO.

MADAM, I'M IN
A RELATIONSHIP.

SIMON?
HELP?

1:08 A.M.

OH, PLEASE. HE WALKS AROUND TOPLESS.

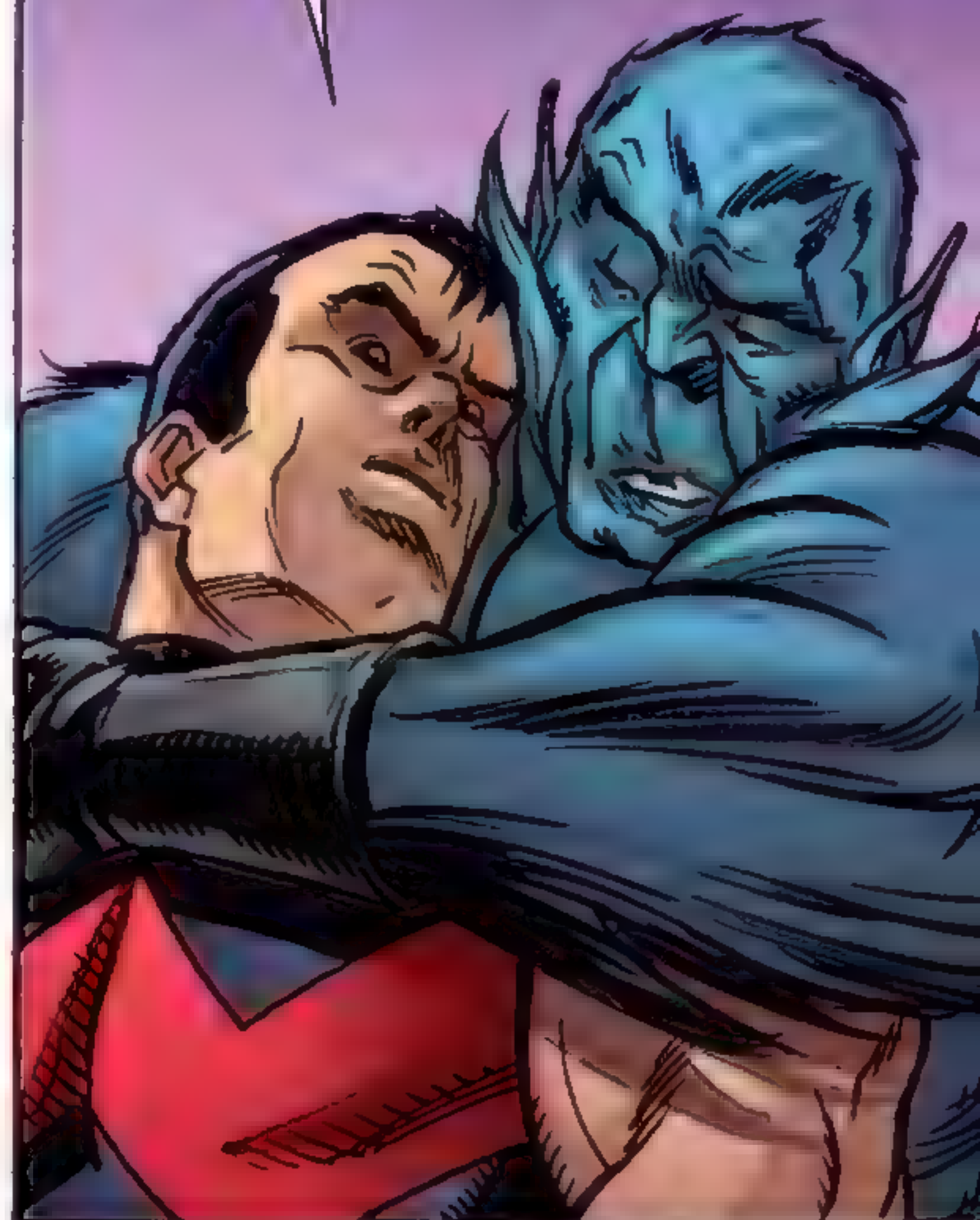
THAT DOES NOT IMPLY CONSENT!

I...I NEVER, IN MY MOST HORRIBLE NIGHTMARES, WOULD HAVE IMAGINED THAT WAS HOW SHE GOT THE NAME "POUNDCAKES."



UM...CAN I PUT YOU DOWN NOW?

OH-- YES, OF COURSE.



SO, HOW ABOUT THAT? A WHOLE NIGHT ON THE TOWN, AND NO FIGHTING. EVERYTHING RESOLVED PEACEFULLY.

I BEAT THE CIRCUS OF CRIME SENSELESS. AND WOLVERINE WAS FAR FROM PEACEFUL.

THOUGH I ADMIT... YOU SHOWED A REMARKABLE DEGREE OF MATURITY. I'M IMPRESSED WITH YOU, SIMON.



AND I'M IMPRESSED YOU STILL REMEMBER HOW TO SHOW A LACK OF MATURITY.

IT FELT SO GOOD. YOU DON'T KNOW WHAT IT'S LIKE TO BE THE SUPER-SERIOUS SCIENCE GUY ALL THE TIME. "HANK, CURE THIS PLAGUE! HANK, STOP ARMAGEDDON!"

SO ARE WE OKAY?

WE ARE. THOUGH I STILL THINK YOU'RE DANGEROUSLY NAÏVE.



AND I THINK YOU'RE JUST DANGEROUS. BUT HEY...THAT'S LIFE. PEOPLE CHANGE. THE WORLD'S CHANGED.



INDEED. BUT TONIGHT... WE GOT TO ACT LIKE THEY HADN'T.

AND IT WAS GLORIOUS.

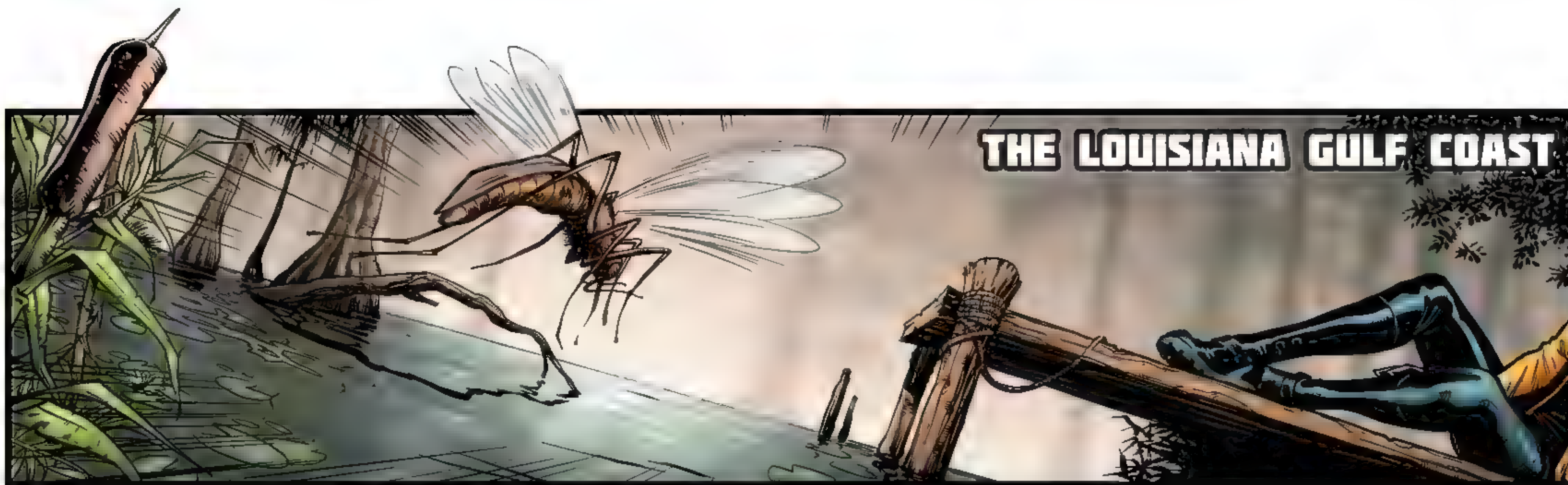
Wonder
Man

+ THE BEAST

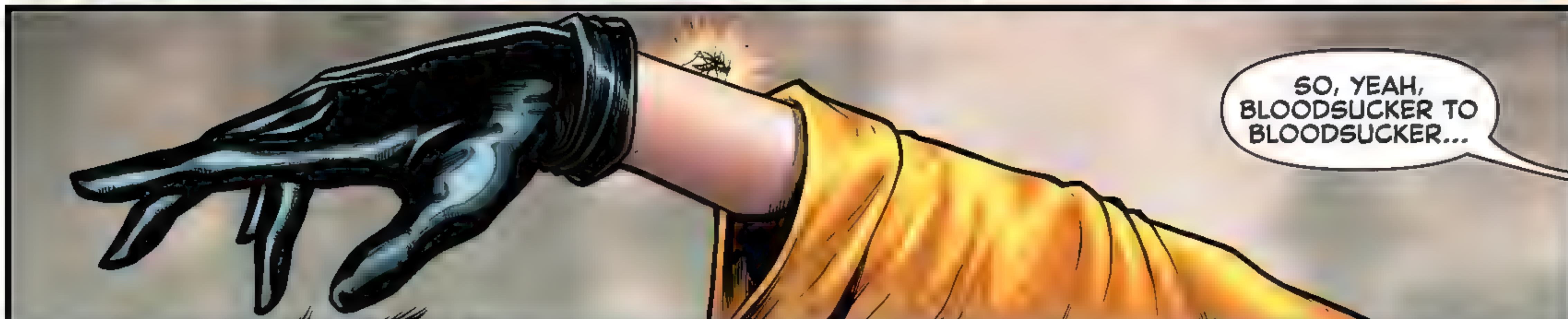
People Change

MISS-IZZ
BROWN YOU'VE
GOT A LUV-LY
DAWWW-TURRR!





THE LOUISIANA GULF COAST



SO, YEAH,
BLOODSUCKER TO
BLOODSUCKER...



...I DON'T
REALLY THINK
THAT'S GOING TO
WORK OUT FOR
YOU.

SO GO.
HAVE A BUNCH
OF MOSQUITO
BABIES OR
SOMETHING.

SHOWING
SOLIDARITY,
JUBILEE?



WAS THAT
A JOKE? LIKE
AN ACTUAL JOKE?
FROM CAPTAIN
AMERICA?

YOU KNOW,
IT MIGHT HAVE
BEEN.

THESE
ARE OXYGEN
RECYCLERS,
COURTESY OF TONY
STARK. WE'LL NEED
THEM FOR OUR
DIVE.



FIRST, *DIVE?* SECOND, I'M PRETTY SURE I DON'T NEED TO BREATHE.

BE A BORING DIVE IF WE COULDN'T TALK.



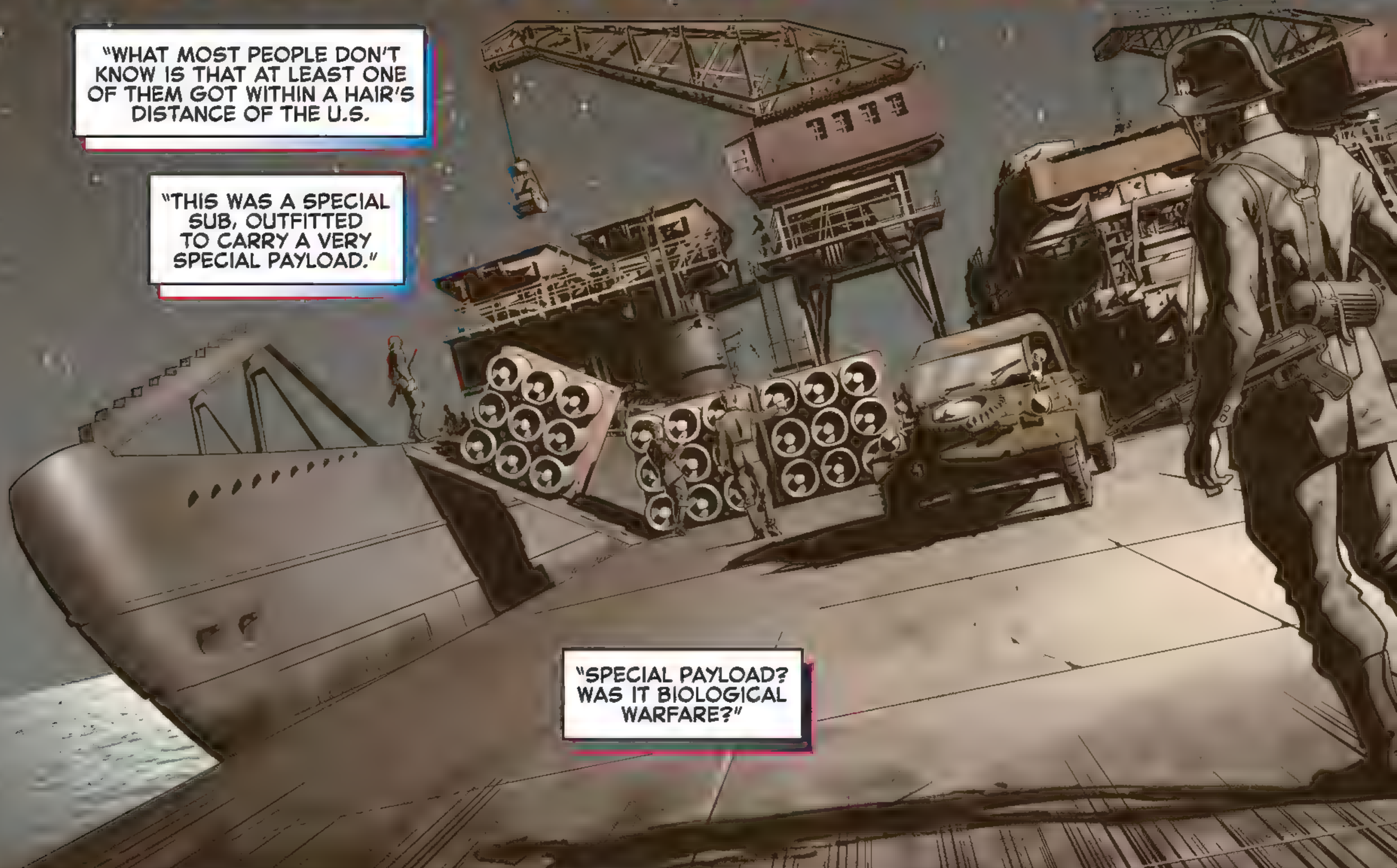
HOW MUCH DO YOU KNOW ABOUT THE SECOND WORLD WAR?



YOU WERE IN IT AND YOU PUNCHED HITLER IN THE FACE.

I DID-- NEVER MIND. DO YOU KNOW WHAT A U-BOAT IS?

I'VE SEEN DAS BOOT. GERMAN SUBS CREWED BY CRAGGLY HANDSOME MEN. APPARENTLY.



"WHAT MOST PEOPLE DON'T KNOW IS THAT AT LEAST ONE OF THEM GOT WITHIN A HAIR'S DISTANCE OF THE U.S."

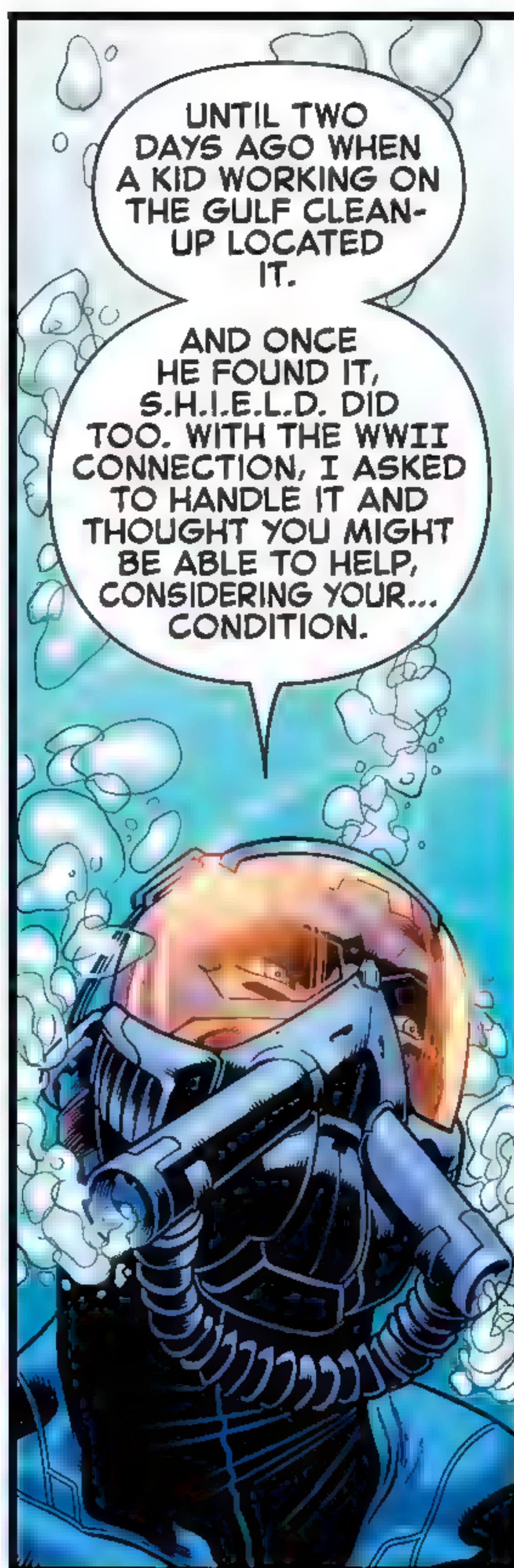
"THIS WAS A SPECIAL SUB, OUTFITTED TO CARRY A VERY SPECIAL PAYLOAD."

"SPECIAL PAYLOAD? WAS IT BIOLOGICAL WARFARE?"



"AFTER A FASHION. STRUCKER CALLED IT PROJECT BLACKWING."

"BUT BEFORE IT COULD DELIVER THE PAYLOAD, WE SUNK IT OFF THE COAST OF LOUISIANA. THERE WERE NO KNOWN SURVIVORS, AND THE SUB WAS NEVER RECOVERED."



UNTIL TWO DAYS AGO WHEN A KID WORKING ON THE GULF CLEAN-UP LOCATED IT.

AND ONCE HE FOUND IT, S.H.I.E.L.D. DID TOO. WITH THE WWII CONNECTION, I ASKED TO HANDLE IT AND THOUGHT YOU MIGHT BE ABLE TO HELP, CONSIDERING YOUR... CONDITION.



YOU CAN SAY THE WORD. **VAMPIRE.**

IT'S NOT REALLY A CONDITION. MORE OF A LIFESTYLE CHOICE. OR UNLIFESTYLE CHOICE, I GUESS.

EXCEPT I DIDN'T GET TO CHOOSE.



WE DON'T OFTEN GET TO CHOOSE THE CIRCUMSTANCES OUR LIVES HAND US, JUBILEE.

YOU DID.

I DIDN'T CHOOSE TO SPEND DECADES ASLEEP WHILE THE WORLD WENT ON WITHOUT ME.



HOW DID YOU HANDLE IT?

I'M NOT SURE WHAT YOU MEAN.

EVERYONE YOU KNEW... ALMOST EVERYONE YOU KNEW, THEY GOT OLD AND DIED. THEY LIVED THEIR LIVES AND HAD FAMILIES AND STUFF.



AND YOU WENT ON. BECAUSE THAT'S GOING TO HAPPEN TO ME. ASSUMING YOU DON'T TAKE MY HEAD SHIELD OFF WITH YOUR SHIELD.

I ONLY DID THAT ONCE.

DID YOU ASK LOGAN ABOUT THIS?



HE RECOMMENDED I TRY FORGETTING MY ENTIRE PAST EVERY FEW YEARS. WHICH WAS LESS HELPFUL. AND THEN HE SAID I SHOULD TALK TO YOU. BUT I DON'T KNOW WHY YOU WANTED ME HERE.

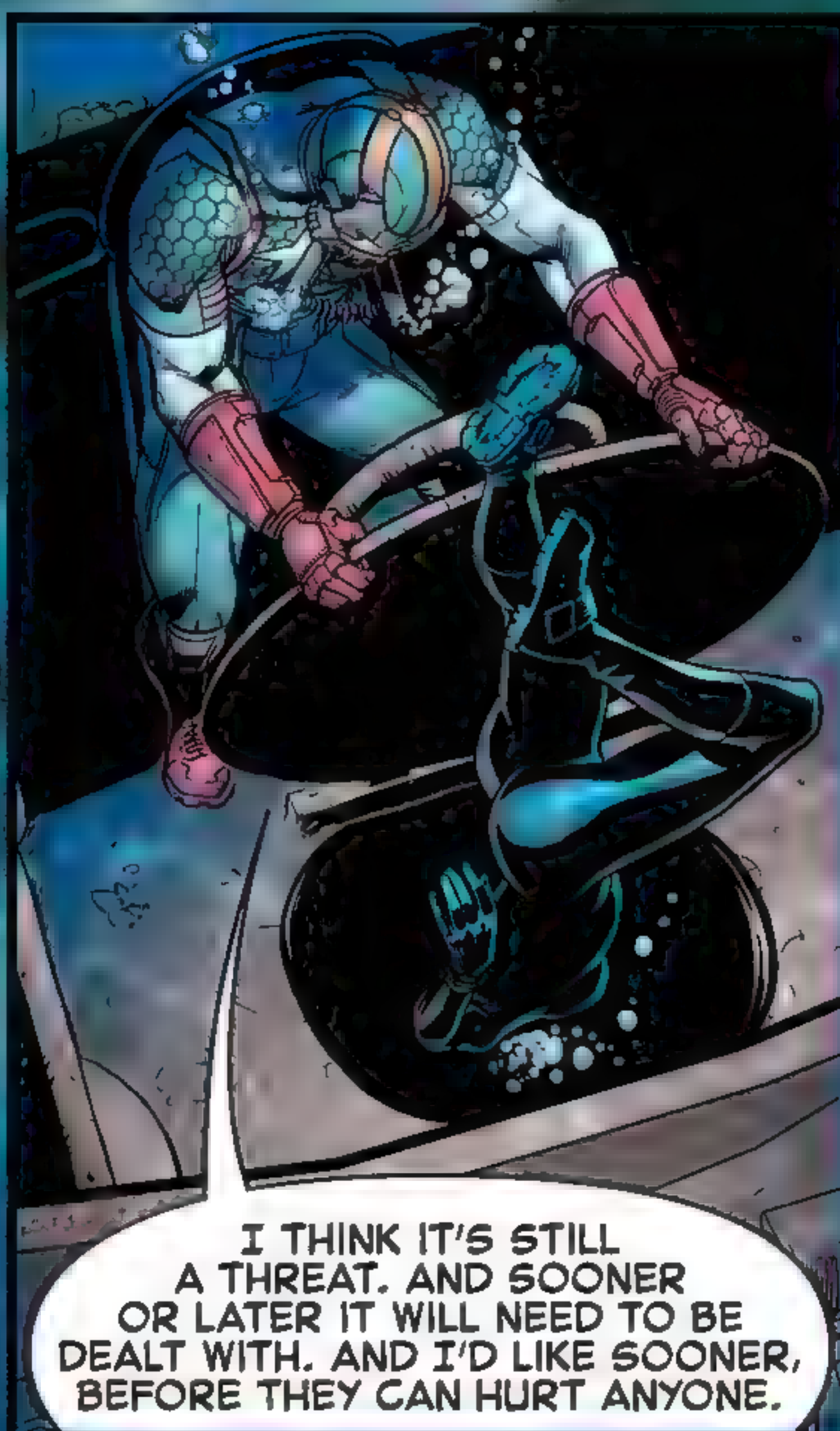
OTHER THAN YOUR X-MEN TRAINING AND VAMPIRE POWERS?

THIS.

WHOA.



THAT'S
PROJECT
BLACKWING.



I THINK IT'S STILL
A THREAT. AND SOONER
OR LATER IT WILL NEED TO BE
DEALT WITH. AND I'D LIKE SOONER,
BEFORE THEY CAN HURT ANYONE.



WAIT, DID
YOU SAY
"THEY"?

THEY'RE
THE OTHER
REASON I
BROUGHT
YOU...



OH, NO
WAY...



*TRANSLATED FROM
GERMAN -NIKLAUS

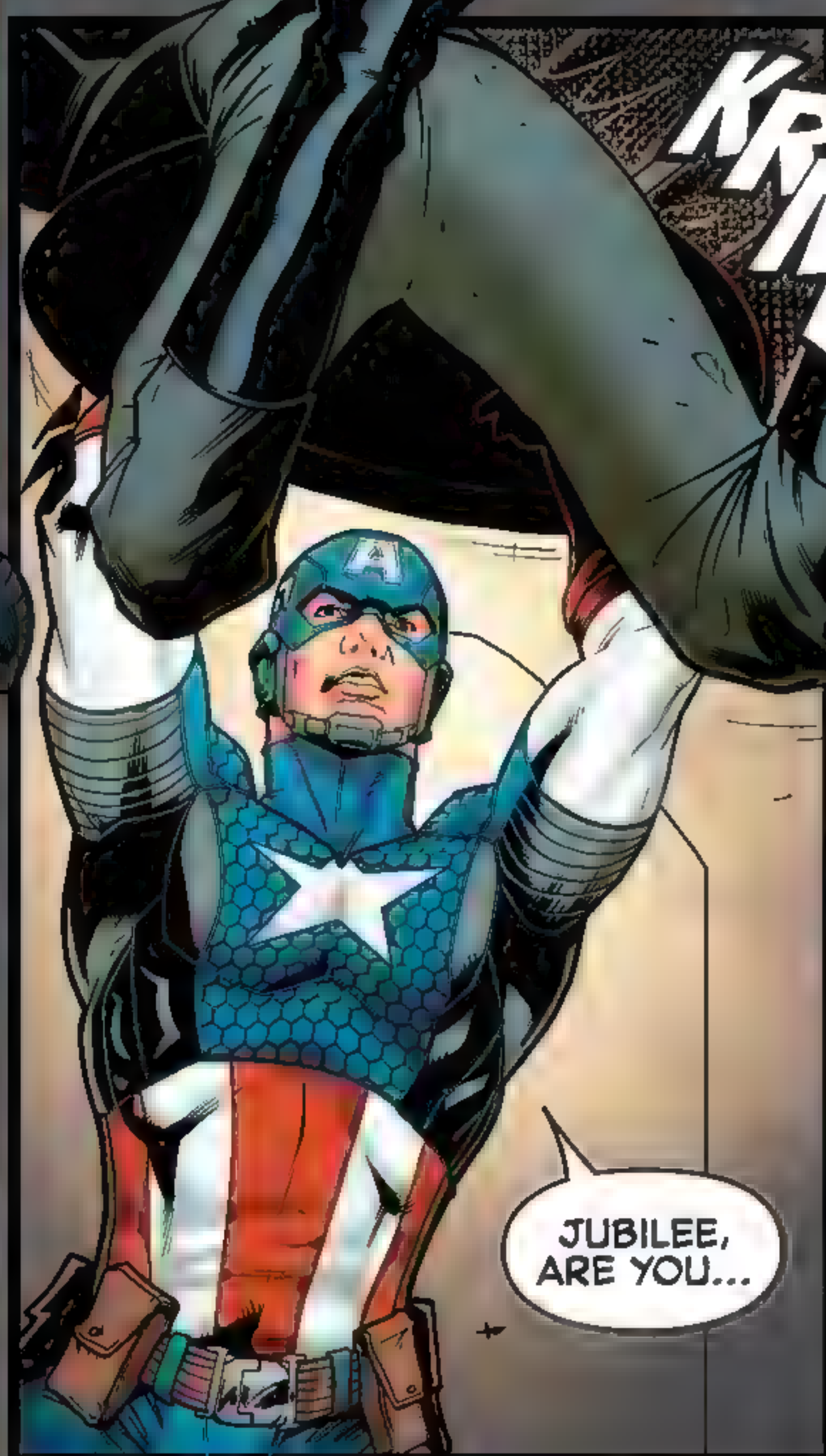


OH,
COME ON.
REALLY?

I
WILL KILL YOU,
AMERICAN.

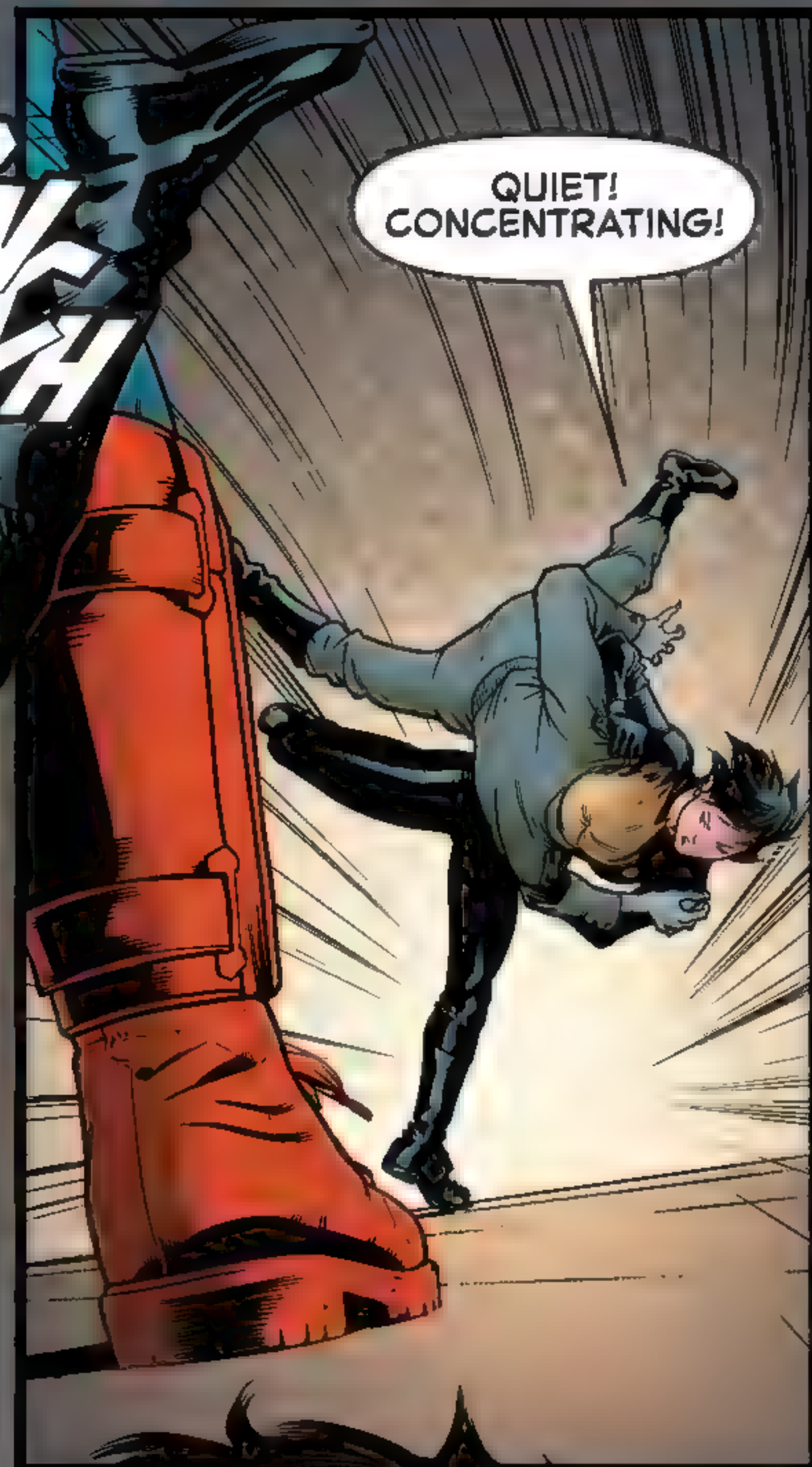


I
THOUGHT
YOU'D SAY
SOMETHING
LIKE THAT.



**KR
NCH**

JUBILEE,
ARE YOU...



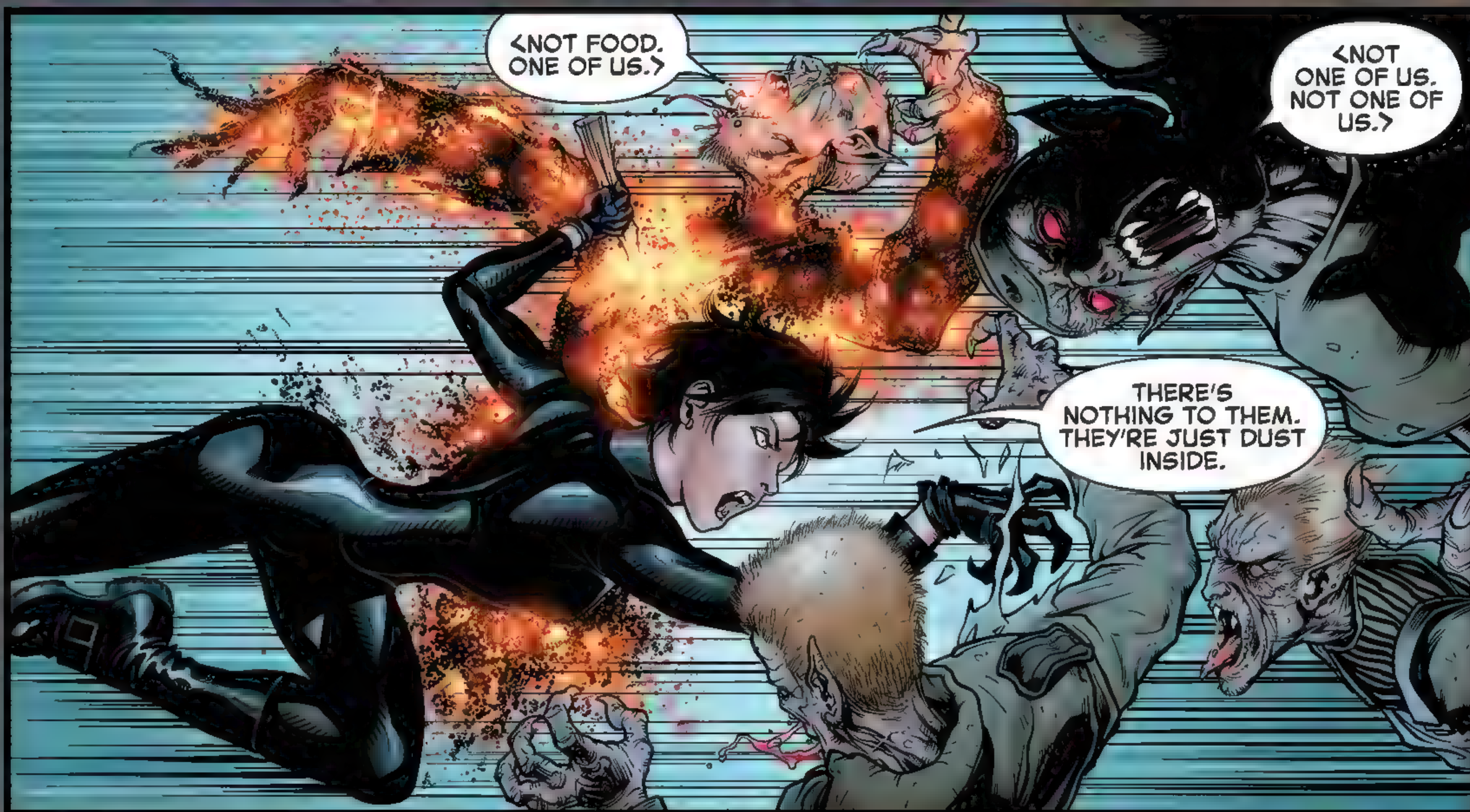
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CONCENTRATING!

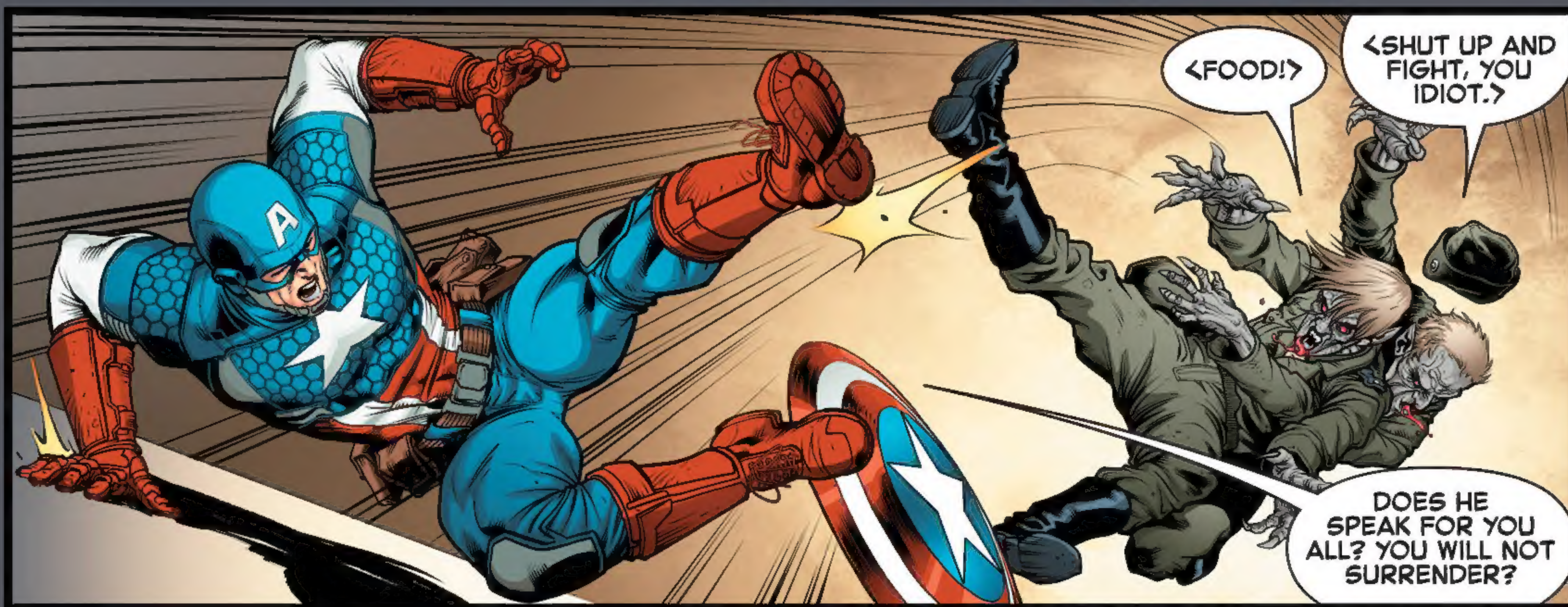


HISSSSSSSSSS!

NOW, WHAT
WAS THAT,
CAP?









ARE YOU OKAY?



I HAD THEM.

I KNOW. I JUST DIDN'T SEE ANY REASON TO LET THIS GO ON.

YOU DIDN'T NEED MY HELP, EITHER.

YOU COULD HAVE DONE THIS ON YOUR OWN. SO WHY BRING ME?

IS THIS SOME SORT OF REALLY WEIRD THREAT IN CASE I GO FULL-ON LEECH CREATURE?



YOU'VE BEEN SPENDING TOO MUCH TIME WITH LOGAN. I DIDN'T BRING YOU HERE FOR THEM TO BE AN EXAMPLE TO YOU. I BROUGHT YOU HERE AS AN EXAMPLE TO *THEM*. I WANTED THEM TO SEE THAT THINGS COULD BE DIFFERENT. THAT THEY COULD BE DIFFERENT.



SO YOU BROUGHT ME HERE BECAUSE I'M AWESOME.

I'LL GO WITH YES FOR THAT. WE ARE WHAT WE DO. THE CHOICES WE MAKE, THE ACTIONS WE TAKE.



THEY WEREN'T MONSTERS BECAUSE THEY WERE VAMPIRES. THEY WERE MONSTERS BECAUSE THEY CHOSE TO BE.

UH-HUH. I'M BEGINNING TO THINK THAT THIS WAS SOME SORT OF STEALTH CHARACTER LESSON.

POSSIBLY. BUT ONE WITH U-BOATS AND NAZI VAMPIRES. BETTER THAN AN AFTER SCHOOL SPECIAL, RIGHT?



DO YOU EVEN KNOW WHAT AN AFTER SCHOOL SPECIAL IS?

NO.

THANK GOD. FOR A SECOND THERE, I WAS WORRIED I'D STUMBLED INTO AN ALTERNATE DIMENSION WHERE YOU WERE COOL.

THE END.

NEXT ISSUE:



